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WILSON WINS EARLY VICTORY IN HOUSE 16 Dead; 19 Injured In City Jail Fire

Coroner's Inquest in Progress; Grand Jury Representative Is Present.

MWFUL SCENES IN JAIL HOLOCAUST

When Tub Of Gasoline Explodes Prisoners Made Human Torches.

M ANY unusual incloents marked the free in the city fall Monday aftermoon which resulted in the dueth of is and the injury of 19 others. al of whom are not expected to

nown to the police as a "hop head," struck a match to light a cigaret at the end of the juit furtherest from the vals of gasoline in which the prisoners were being buthed for the purpose of Groza, if developed, had been put in a jail but a few initiation before the ident occurred. Peoplishy shough guiderest man from the vat explosives, he was one of the first

THE DEAD.

Pascusi Calderon, No. 52 Chikanhua street, El Pasa.

Yanbel Bodriguez, Juarez.
Luiz Aiarcon, Michoncan, Mexico.
H. M. Cross, Oxford street, Davenport, Ohio. Survived by a fother, W. H. Cross, of that city.

Doulcio Mollma, age 17, Third and El Paso streets, room 22.

Gregorio Ornelas, alias Juan Aconta, Chihanhulta.

Ernesto Garcia, half Japanese and baif Mexican, Juarez. Has a baother named Morlano Ginrin there.

Louis Santabanez, 10th and Liber-Louis Sautabanes, 10th and Libe

Four unidentified men, apparently Mexicans, now at the J. J. Kneter, J. W. Peak, and McHean, Simmens & Hartford undertaking partors. Believed to be D. Asevas, L. Avilar, F. Santana and E. Bustillos.

io dis as a result of the fire that be started, expiring on the way to the hospital. Cross and Edward McGowan, who was slightly injured, were arrested about an bour prior to the fire by city descrives on a charge of shoplifting in the Kraksuer. Zork & Maye hardware store on San Francisco street. A small black baseball glove, which is publied out as the cause of the tragsdy, was the article which the two men are alteged to have stulen.

According to R. H. Bagby, who was in charge of the trustles at the time is saw McGowan light a match, and started toward him to put it out. McGowan extinguished at before he yearened him, however, and Cross started to light his cigarel, despite the warnings of Dr. G. B. Calnan and jailor

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE: CORONER'S INQUEST HELD

Justice J. M. Deaver started the formal inquest of the jail holocaust at I oclock Tuesday afternoon, calling as many witnesses as were able to testify.

Present at the inquest was a representative of the grand jury and the mass of evidence which is being davaloped at the inquest will be turned over to the grand jury for the grand jury probe of the tragedy of Monday afternoon.

The grand jury will begin its in-pestigation Wednesday morning and will summon all of the winesses who appear at the inquest as well as officials and others in an effort to make a complete investigation of

Prant Scotten, instantly the entire room was enveloped into flames while the big washtub in which the kerosene and gassoline were contained, exploded, about 10 men were mound it at the

Tunnust Escapes.

Many of the prisoners had narrow, almost miraculous escapes. The entirinterior of the old cell house in the jall was instantly a mass of farmes and before the firemen, who are located in the addoning building, could subdue the fire, much of the ironwork of the rellawas so has that it blastered fism touching it. The floors of the steel cells were so hot that the firemen could not stand upon them when they entered in heavy soled shows.

Screaming in pain Ernesto Molina, age a leg.

Screaming in pain Ernesto Molina, age it years, the youngest prisoner in the fall, who was within a few feel of the tab when the explosion occurred, ran his features being hardly distinguish-

PRISONERS PAST; THEY ARE MEN

Speaker at Missionary Convention Asks Prayers For Dead and Dying; Says Prisoners Are Only Unfortunate Men; Missionary Work Among Mexicans of Border Urged; Catholic Missionaries Praised.

We can longer look upon ate," he said. dared Fred B. Pisher at the Laymen's

There is much of the heathen that en-ters into this conception and it is this

to the iron steps leading to the corporation court room on the second floor of a
tine building. Mounting these rapidly,
the suffering youth ran across the court
room, leaving blood stained footprints
until he leaned out of a window leading
to the roof of the patrol waron shed,
from where he was lifted by a party of
firemen reacuers from the Central station who threw a ladder against the
building.

Hear of Body Denners Payment

Heat of Body Damnges Pavement.
Ogario Soto, serving a term for vagrancy, was the first man to be carried
from the burning building by firemen,
and was laid down in the alley outside
of the emergency hospital. Suffering intense agony and unable to see out of his
swollen and bleeding eyes, the man
could only sit still and mean until an
automobile rus was thrown over him by
a merciful chauffeur, one of the many
drivers of taxleabs who contributed
their services to the city in an effort to
alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate inmates.

So great was the heat of Soto's body
that the black asphalt was drawn to
the top of the pavement and the apot
where he taid, resembled a sun blistered
street on a summer day.

Bleed Drigs From Feet. Heat of Body Damages Payeme

Bleed Drigs From Feet.

Just across the alley from Soto another Mexican had been laid blood souring from his feet where the soles had been burned completely off.

Ten feet to the right, Harry McCoy, a norphine fiend, was shrieking under the sain and begaing physicians to give im snother opiate to relieve him of the expressing page.

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An American who was badly burned thout the arms, also escaped and ranger overland street to Broadway, urning up to San Antonio and into tyanta drug store, where he was given medical trestment by employes. He left musediately after being bandaged.

Runs Several Blocks, Blaston.
A Mexican prisoner who was standing a the northern and of the "bull pen' then the explosion occurred, ran arough the wall of fire, and, escaping through the wall of the and security the hands of all pursuers, ran to Fourth and Kansas streets, where he was approhended by patrol driver Nat O. Hadson and several officers after runnits: through the hallway of the Douglass

school.

Wooden Leg Saves Him.

Daniel Trias, a Mexican with a wooden leg, saved himself by standing on his wooden leg with one hand firmly grasping the iron supports of the cellife sustained series burns about the head and the hand which held to the cell iron, but would have been more seriously injured if he had not drawn himself out of the wall of flame and held himself up on the wooden stimp of a leg.

NORTH SEA

Another Report Says 20 German Dre adnoughts Have Left Base At Kiel.

WILL BRITISH ENGAGE ENEMY?

The Greatest Sea Battle Of Modern Times Is Anticipaled If Fleets Meet.

bert, in his talk Monday afternoon, when he insisted that there was work enough to concern El Paso in the berder and her city limits alone to improve the conditions of the Mexican population, and to make advocates and gospel messengers of the large population of educated expatriates who are now living in this city.

Chaptains Meet.

Simultaneously with the Layman's convention the chapiains of the United States army along the border are also holding a convention to work out a pregram for the furthering of industrial and vocational education into the army for the enlisted men. The first meeting of the chapiains was held Monday afternoon at the V. M. C. A. building and a second meeting was held again on Tuesday afternoon. Chaplain John A. Randolph of the sixth infantry, was elected chairman of the configures, and chaplain Haywood I. Witter, of the 18th infantry of Douglas, Aria, the ON, Eeg. March 7 .- Twenty which bases the report on inin received from Germany,
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orth sea. A memage to that
was received from Vileland,
the Holland.
Kiel East of Hull, one
over important naval bases on
coast of England. If it is true
ign flast of German battlesbips
the North sea, it has pre-

R. H. Bagby, chief trusty of the jail, and who was attempting to put out the match carried by H. Cross, the man who started the blaze, saved himself by turning on the shower hath and standing under it. The hath flooded the cells of the jail and did much toward preventing panic on the part of the prisoners.

Begs To He Shot.

Shortly after the explanted seven or eight badly burned prisoners were taken to the rear of a furniture atore located about 50 feet east of the jail. Here they were given first ald freatment, One American suddenly jumped upon his feet and ran around in a circle, cryingi "Shoot me first, shoot me first. God, how I suffer.

Mes Bene Up Bravely.

Harried from the huilding with the akin burned to a light brown and falling from their bodies many of the men gritted their teeth to keep from crying out, but the majority shrieked in pain. POLICE NOT TO BLAME; HEALTH OFFICERS IN CHARGE Industrial and Railre

> Angry Over Submarine Crisis, Representative

Page Shuns Reelection

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HEALTH OFFICERS IN CHARGE.
Alderman J. P. O'Connor, chairman
of the sanitary committee of the
city council, made the following
statement Tuesday morning: "It is
wrong to censure the police department in any manner for the horrible
accident yesterday afternoon, as
they had nothing whatever to do
with the sanitary work being done
in the police station.

"It was being done by the health
department, of which i an chairman
It was being done by, and under the
direction of medical men who are
men of intelligence.

"While I had nothing to do with
the work personally, I do not wish
any censure, if there is to be any,
to be placed upon any other department."

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able, the flesh cooked to a terrible

One Mexican believed to have be Ernesto Camacho, awalting transfer the consty jail on a charge of but larry, was taken out of the "buil p in an unconscious condition, dying abort time later. The body has pyet bern identified.

Rushing to the door in an attern to unlock the cells and release the mainting prisoners in the fall. Fra Scotten was driven back by the found it was only after the firement is entered with the chemical home of the injured men were lifted out the injured men were lifted out the palm-stricken prisoners release They were carried out by the firement by the mauseating fumes of vinexa (Continued on Fage 2, Col. 5) (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

While Kaiser's Troops, After Violent Bombardment, Drives Through Forges to Near Regneville, Another Division Storms Regneville, Though Sustaining Heavy Losses; British Reinforce French.

PARIS, France, March 7.—Further progress has been made by the Germans in the evrdun region to Germans has been made of Germans in the eviden region to the west of the Meuse. Announcement was made here semi-officially today that they had succeeded, by means of violent hombardment, in pushing along the railroad in the neighborhood of Regneville. It also is announced that a division of German troops advancing to the attack had entured hill No. 260. The attack on Verdune has shifted to the west and the scremans are now pounding their way toward the fortress from beyond the Meuse, advancing along the railroad that parallels the westernly bank.

Today comes the admission that the Germans after a violent bomhardment, succeeded in forcing their way through Forges and along the railroad in the vicinity of Regneville, a mile and a hair southeast.

BERLIN, German). March 7,—The war office announced today that the village of Frennes, in the covere district, southeast of Verdun, as captured today by the Germans. Frennes has been subjected to a violent hombardment resently and like cabine followed several determined efforts.

ARIS, France, March 7.—Further

great a collection of artillery. It far exceeds that with which a breach was harmored in the Russian lines at Germanus the burnage river in Galicia last May, and the siege gun parks concentrated at Autwerp and Novegeor-centrated at Autwer

The rapidity with which the strong French lines were bombarded.

Continuing Lines of Gans.
In one position given over to artillery of middle caliber, hidden in an undulation paralleling one front of the forces, the correspondent found batteries arranged in a continuous line with scorcely more than 190 yards between the guns. Behind these again, in suitable piaces of shelter, were the big guns, up to the very biggest, and from the creat of a hill could be seen far to the front field batteries whose guns had been pushed forward almost into the infantry line.

The day was counted a quiet one, and the aftendant officers explained that no particular offence was contemplated. Yet from the batteries near which the correspondent was standing, he counted, watch in hand, two shous her minute for a considerable period.

Fire is Tremendous.

How many hundred guns the Germans have assembled around Verdun cannot be told, but it is certain that the drum fire was with which the artiller fire was accompanied and which will precede the next series of assaults can be likened to Niagara and other stupendous phenomena of nature.

A picturesque, and at the same time systematic, feature of the offensive against Verdun is the array of captive balloons, from which the work of the same of the same time systematic, feature of the offensive against Verdun is the array of captive balloons, from which the work of the same time.

Vote Of 256 to 160. HOUSE DEBATES ON ARMED SHIPS McLemore Resolution's Defeat By Tabling Forecast

Motion to Amend McLemore

Resolution Is Beaten By

By Administration. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.

In the first test vote in the house today on the armed ship Opportunities for amending the Mc-

Lemore resolution to warn Americans off the armed ships of European bel-

placed the McLemore resolution switches house for debnte and a vote without amendment. The administration leaders said there was no doubt the two previous rotes aboved they could table it by a large majority.

Text of McLemore Resolution.

The text of the warning resolution, introduced by representative McLemore of Texas, following a lengthy preamble,

Trustees Call Election For April 4 to Ratify Purchase Water and Light Plants.

Water and Light Plants.

Annoporto. N. M. March .—The Base I the border to the vicinity of Paloman, Tuendar, According to Information received in The Palon I the Belleview of the Sub-Palon State of the Company of the Sub-Palon State of

ALAMOGORDO TO VILLA REPORTED

water and Light Plants.

Alamogorgo, N. M. March — The trustees of the town of Alamogordo have passed an ordinance authorizing the vote on the hond issue of \$300,000 on April 1, for the purpose of buying the properties of the Alamogordo Light and Power company, and the Alamogordo Ingrovement company An ordinance formerly passed, fixing the amount of the bond issue at \$150,000, was passed when it was the plan to build an independent waterworks system, and it was considered that \$150,000 to get the work well under way. The bigger project of buying the properties from the companys with the requirements and restrictions of the law which governs. The state constitution arounded the properties for more than 4 percent of the law which governs. The state constitution arounded the properties of the independent water owned by the Alamogordo Waterworks company and the irrigation water owned by the Alamogordo improvement company; the ather issue for \$25,000 to buy the plant of the Alamogordo Light and Fower company.

Practorias Lodge Formed.

Washington, D. C. March 7.—Representative Robert M. Page of North Carolina will not be a candidate the restention because he disagrees with president Wilson in the submarine controvers. Mr. Page, who is a brottler of ambassador Page at Landon, so has sounced in a letter to his constituents. The announcement caused a sense than in the house at the moment, of a voice on what practically is a proposal int. to interfere with the presidents dominant engotiation. After the Expected Happens, the American Habit Is To "Investigate"